

SWEARING IN A PRESIDENT

How McKinley Will Be Made Chief Executive of the Nation.

CEREMONIES INCIDENT TO THE EVENT

Grand March of Fifty Thousand Men on Pennsylvania Avenue—Feeding the Multitude—Spectacular on the Weather.

The national capital is just now busy with preparations for the great celebration which takes place every four years and which witnesses the outgoing of one president and the incoming of another.

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The carriage which will take the old and new presidents on the ride from the executive mansion to the capital is a large landau, now resting in Mr. Cleveland's stable.

On the morning of March 4 the family of Mr. Cleveland will have their private belongings moved out at an early hour. The carriage will be sent to the Ebbit for Mr. McKinley and the rest of the family will go to the white house, where the president will join him and set out for the capital.

The inauguration parade. On the return the president just sworn in and the president just gone out will take their places side by side, as before, and head the procession from the capitol back to the white house.

The procession, headed by the coach and four, marches down the Pennsylvania avenue, the United States troops first, and the organizations. There will be at least 50,000 men in line, the first division being of military, and the second of civic clubs.

The grand marshal of the parade will be General Horace Porter, and he will be assisted by several aides. The sashes worn by the marshals of grand divisions will be of red and blue, those of marshals of divisions blue and white and those of marshals of brigades red and white.

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The committee will respect the wishes of the president-elect is not to be questioned, hence the inaugural ball may safely be dropped from the list of social ceremonies in Washington on March 4.

It is now under discussion whether or not the public buildings will be illuminated at night. If congress makes an appropriation for this object electricity will be used and the beautiful white edifices of the Treasury, white house, patent office, capitol, State War and Navy departments will be aglow with streams thrown upon them by huge searchlights.

of the executive mansion on the parking known as the white lot. About \$2,500 has been expended in buying fireworks and for two hours there will be a gorgeous display of rockets and similar bonnie, no designs being used.

Prices for windows overlooking the line of parade are very high, the ordinary ones selling for \$50, and a room in the city with three large windows selling at \$400. Thousands of dollars will be spent in renting windows, while the larger part of the crowd will be standing on the sidewalks to see the procession.

Among the civic organizations which will make a conspicuous appearance is the Six Footers club of Pittsburg, Pa. Most of the crack regiments of the union will be in line, hundreds of political and business clubs will march in high hats and ordinary dresses, while a band of Indians in native costume are expected to grace the imposing procession.

With the closing of the ball and the dying out of the fireworks the celebration goes out of office and the new takes his place in the white house. It is probable that Mr. Cleveland and his family will leave town at once. Mr. McKinley will return from the ball direct to the executive mansion. And so, with music and wassail, the old gives place to the new—the king is dead, long live the king.

Speculating on the weather. Everybody who expects to attend the inaugural ceremonies is hoping for good weather. The "Cleveland" city so packed about the worst storms of the winter occur during the inaugural season.

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TROLLEY POWER ON THE FARM

Details of a Practical Experiment Conducted in Germany.

COST AND METHOD OF OPERATION

Cheap Power for Running Farm Machinery Supplied by a Brook and a Generator—Advantages and Disadvantages.

The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat gives an interesting summary of the report of Mr. Muth, American consul at Mueggenberg, Germany, concerning the operation of an electric plant on a farm near that city.

The motive power is furnished by a small brook, which passes the farm at a distance of about 650 feet and drives a turbine wheel. About 1,550 feet above the wheel-house a dam has been erected in the brook for the purpose of obtaining the necessary fall and force the water into a canal leading to the turbine. This canal is partly cut into the ground and partly banked, so that at the turbine a fall of 5 1/2 feet is obtained.

The volume of water changes from 18 cubic feet per second in very dry weather to 106 to 141 cubic feet a second in very wet seasons. With an average of 35 cubic feet the turbine is guaranteed to furnish sixteen horse-power, while in winter it furnishes eighteen and at high water twenty-one to twenty-two horse-power.

The turbine drives a Schuberdt dynamo machine, which develops all the electricity needed. From this dynamo the current goes to the so-called switch board, whence it is distributed to the various stations. Wires of different sizes, strung on poles, conduct light and power currents to the yard, thence to the dwelling, and main building, stables, barns, other farm buildings and garden.

There are in the dwelling and main building 100 incandescent lights, in the other buildings seventy, and in the yard and garden, twelve, besides two arc lamps. In the turbine house there is also an accumulator battery consisting of sixty large glass cells, with plates of lead in diffused sulphuric acid, which serves to accumulate electricity during the day, when the current goes to the so-called switch board, whence it is distributed to the various stations.

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straw cutting was about the same. For sawing logs into boards and kindling wood, \$238 a year were paid on an average. The total cost by the old method was \$112.50. This shows a difference of \$225.50 a year in favor of the electric plant. Another advantage is, that now four horses can be dispensed with and the remaining horses are always ready for use. How great this advantage is, especially during the harvest, or while the fields are being manured and prepared for the winter, need hardly be mentioned. Other advantages are, that the electric light is cleaner, safer and more agreeable. The fact that power is always ready enables the farmer to employ his hands at once in threshing in case bad weather or some other reason prevents them from working in the fields.

The disadvantages are, that in dry summer the water may run low and thus occasion interruptions in the running of the machinery; but, as during the dry season few lights are needed and the large motor is not used, this disadvantage is really trifling. Sufficient water can always be stored to furnish power for loading the accumulator and working the small motor in winter. The turbances may be caused by the clogging of the loch, which, however, if occurring at all, can easily be remedied by a few hours' work.

The currents used are all of low tension and harmless to human life. High-tension currents require more caution, but could be used to more advantage on larger farms. The cost of the machinery would be effected in the wiring, because high-tension currents require thinner wires than low-tension currents. Furthermore, the loss of power in the wires is very small, being less than 5 per cent at a distance of 1/4 mile, while the loss in the latter is 5 per cent at a distance of 60 feet, 10 per cent at 90 feet, 15 per cent at 120 feet and 25 per cent at 150 feet. High-tension currents could also be used for driving plowing and other agricultural machines at a greater distance from the farm.

BRIDEGROOMS WHO BACK OUT. They Run Away, Hide Themselves or Become Speechless. Possibly every man about to marry experiences a novel inward flutter when the critical hour arrives and he finds the altar in sight, says a writer in *Harper's Thought*; but it is not often that one hears of a prospective husband whose nerve deserts him to the extent that he flees shy of the ceremony at the last moment, and allows the bride to leave the church without having changed her name. Hitches of this startling kind do, however, now and then occur. The bridegroom has not the courage to face the public ordeal, and the situation becomes both humorous and dramatic.

A most amusing attack of "nerves" of this order was witnessed by a large crowd at a country church not long since. The bridegroom was late in arriving; when at length he came abreast of the church gates, heaved and hurried, the sight of his bride, who had turned and made off across country as fast as his shuffling legs would carry him. The bridegroom, however, did not stop to look back, and in the midst of an imposing party fairly scattered that courage he had churned for the occasion, and fled towards the altar, and the bride promptly followed him, and walked to the same church with the bridegroom's name on her card.

At another church in the neighborhood a number of people who had flocked to see a popular local couple made one were curiously disappointed. When it came to the turn of the bridegroom to give utterance to his vows he was found to be tongue-tied and unable to utter a word. The longer he waited for him to recover the worse he became, and finally, white as a ghost, he fled from the altar and ran out of the building. As no amount of persuasion or encouragement served to induce him to attempt the ordeal a second time, he performed in single file.

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Supplying Uncle Sam With Powder.

A thoroughly interesting and important discussion by a writer who has recently visited Uncle Sam's powder magazines and is therefore able to treat the subject authoritatively. He describes how the explosive is made, stored up and then supplied to the guns of our navy. It is interesting to know that the "grains" of powder now used on our war ships are about an inch in diameter, are octagonal in shape, with a hole through the center, resembling large wagon nuts; that smokeless powder is used in thin slips, having the appearance of molasses candy.

Will Snakes Bite Unprovoked?

A lively article by Mr. O'Reilly, the well known snake collector, in which he gives his experience particularly with cobras and copperheads. He declares in opposition to the general belief that most snakes, even the venomous ones, would rather run away than fight.

Real Estate Foreclosures in Nebraska.

Address of C. S. Lobingier before the Omaha Real Estate exchange, fully explaining the different methods in use for bringing real estate mortgages to foreclosure—The obstacles to be met and difficulties to be overcome in securing judicial action in foreclosure cases.

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